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TAGS: APER, TZ (CARTER, W. BEVERLY, JR.)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR CARTER'S COMMENTS TO CBS IN GENEVA

REF: STATE 195800; NAIROBI 7115

1. PETER KALISCHER, CBS PARIS BUREAU FLEW INTO GENEVA THIS A.M. WITH REQUEST TO INTERVIEW AMBASSADOR CARTER ON RECENT PRESS REPORTS ABOUT HIM. CARTER SAID HE WILLING MAKE BRIEF STATEMENT, BUT WOULD ACCEPT NO QUESTIONS.

2. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW:

"I AM THE US AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA. I AM HERE IN GENEVA AT THIS TIME AS AN INDIVIDUALLY ELECTED MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS SUB-COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG STANDING COMMITMENT OF WHICH MY GOVERNMENT IS AWARE. AT THE MOMENT I AM SERVING ON A SMALL WORKING GROUP OF THAT SUBCOMMISSION WHICH WILL CONCLUDE IT CONSIDERATIONS THIS WEEK. BEGINNING MONDAY, I WILL JOIN THE FULL SUB-COMMISSION FOR ITS ANNUAL THREE WEEK SESSION WHICH WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCLUDED ON FRIDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER.

"AT THAT TIME I WILL RETURN TO DAR ES SALAAM
TO RESUME MY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MY GOVERNMENT
THERE.

"I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ONLY TWO POINTS: AS MY
GOVERNMENT'S REPRESENTATIVE IN TANZANIA I CANNOT
AND WILL NOT COMMENT ON THE CURRENT DISCUSSIONS
REGARDING THE RECENT KIDNAPPING OR MY PRESENT OR
FUTURE STATUS AS A CAREER OFFICER IN THE FOREIGN
SERVICE. SECONDLY MAY I SAY THAT YOU ARE THE FIRST
I REPEAT, FIRST NEWSMAN WHO HAS CONTACTED ME ON
THIS SUBJECT."

Q. "TAKING THAT INTO CONSIDERATION, MR.
AMBASSADOR, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU THIS ONE QUESTION.
IF YOU HAD IT ALL TO DO OVER AGAIN WOULD YOU HANDLE
IT THE SAME WAY?"

A. "MR. KALISCHER, I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO
RESPOND TO THAT QUESTION BUT IT LEADS TO A NUMBER
OF OTHER QUESTIONS, AND AS I SAID I AM NOT GOING TO
COMMENT ON THIS."

3. AMBASSADOR CARTER HAS TOLD PRESS OFFICERS AT
THE MISSION HERE THAT HE WILL ACCEPT NO, RPT NO
FURTHER INTERVIEW REQUESTS; THAT THE ABOVE STATE-
MENT CONSTITUTES ALL HE WILL SAY ON THE SUBJECT. DALE

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